

PROPOSED USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO SUPPRESS THE
GENERIC NAME "PHILLIPSELLA" OEHLERT, 1886, AND PRO-
POSED ADDITION OF THE NAME "PHILLIPSINELLA" NOVÁK, 1886
(CLASS TRILOBITA) TO THE "OFFICIAL LIST OF GENERIC NAMES
IN ZOOLOGY"

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The purpose of the present application is to ask the International Commission to take the action needed to ensure that the name *Phillipsinella* Novák (Class Trilobita) shall be the oldest available name for the genus to which it has been universally applied for the last seventy years.

2. The generic name *Phillipsinella* Novák, 1886 (: 583) was proposed (by original designation) for the type species *Phacops parabola* Barrande, 1846 (: 6—7), which type species had been referred by Barrande (1852 : 477—478) to the genus *Phillipsia* Portlock, 1843.

3. The generic name *Phillipsella* Oehlert, 1886 (: 125—126) was proposed (by original designation) for the same type species, *Phacops parabola* Barrande.

4. *Phillipsinella* Novák, 1886, and *Phillipsella* Oehlert, 1886, are therefore objective synonyms. Each of the names was published in a volume of a journal, the volume apparently being published as an entity, not in parts, the title page bearing the date 1886.

5. Novák's paper was read before the Society on 27th November 1885, and a preprint was distributed bearing the date 1885 on the cover and page in explanation of the plate. The question of the status of names published in preprints of papers that had been printed for publication in some serial publication or book was considered in Paris in 1948 by the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology which inserted in the *Règles* a provision that names made public in this way do not thereby acquire the status of availability (see *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 146). Accordingly, the name *Phillipsinella* Novák ranks for priority not from 1885 but from 1886, the year in which Novák's paper was duly published by the Society in its *Sitzber.*

6. The preprint was apparently seen by Oehlert, and a note added at the end of the article (: 141—142) giving the date of *Phillipsinella* Novák as 1885,

and stating that the name *Phillipsella* Oehlert must fall into synonymy. Since 1886 authors have accepted this opinion, consistently using Novák's name, and rarely referring to Oehlert's.

7. A family name based upon *Phillipsinella* Novák, 1886, was proposed by myself in my paper entitled "Sixteen Ordovician Genotype Trilobites" (1950, *J. Paleont.* 24 : 559—561), i.e. PHILLIPSINELLIDAE. This name is currently accepted (e.g. by Hupé (P.), 1953, Trilobites in *Traité de Paleontologie* (ed. J. Piveteau) 3 : 224) and will be used in the forthcoming *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*. I recommend that this name should now be placed on the *Official List*.

8. In view of these facts, I ask the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature :

- (1) to use its Plenary Powers to suppress the generic name *Phillipsella* Oehlert, 1886, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.
- (2) to place the under-mentioned generic name on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* :—*Phillipsinella* Novák, 1886 (gender : feminine) (type species, by original designation : *Phacops parabola* Barrande, 1846) ;
- (3) to place the undermentioned generic names on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology* :—
 - (a) *Phillipsinella* Novák, 1885 (invalid because only distributed in that year in a pre-print) ;
 - (b) *Phillipsella* Oehlert, 1886 as suppressed under the Plenary Powers under (1) above.
- (4) to place the undermentioned specific name on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* : *parabola* Barrande, 1846, as published in the combination *Phacops parabola* (specific name of type species of *Phillipsinella* Novák, 1886) ;
- (5) to place the under-mentioned family-group name on the *Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology* :—PHILLIPSINELLIDAE Whittington (H.B.), 1950 (type genus : *Phillipsinella* Novák, 1886).

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